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National Organic Program (NOP)--Access to Pasture (Livestock)

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Definitions: What pasture is - "A piece of grassy land used for or suitable for the grazing of animals, esp. cattle or sheep; pastureland."(OED)

This is what healthy cows need to produce healthy milk for the consumption of healthy people. It is not confusing or complicated.

What is complicated is the process of trying to get around the truth and call something pasture that everyone can see is NOT pasture.

Animals need to be raised with respect and compassion. They are not commodities, they are living creatures. This is essential both for ethical reasons and for health reasons.

If "the market" is more important than ethical living and healthy food, then require the proponents of agribusiness have the courage and honesty to say so on their labels.

In Faith,

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"Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy." - Wendell Berry